

Belmont Cable Access Committee (BAC)
Minutes 6/21/05
7:30 p.m., BCTV Studio

Present

CAC: John Verrilli (Chair), Jeffrey Bairstow, Maryann Scali, Ed Yee
BCMC Board: Louis Bucciarelli, Jeffrey Geibel, Jonathan Green Myron Kassarian, Janice Kelleher, David Nelson (Jeffrey Bairstow, Ed Yee)
BCTV Staff: Abiodun Shobowale (part of meeting); Mark Ventola (remainder of meeting)
Others: Todd Bloniarz

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by CAC chair, John Verrilli at 7:35 p.m.

Review of Minutes of 5/05

The minutes were accepted as written.

Issues from the Community/Complaints/Concerns/Coverage

Marianne reported that the audio levels were too low at the Selectmen's meeting at which John, Jonathan, and Greg Poulos met with the Selectmen. Myron suggested that a monitor can call in (via cell phone on vibrate) to whoever is taping the meeting if there is a problem.

John reported that Mark had discussed with him problems with taping of the BHS graduation; Jeffrey B., who was part of the crew, also reported the problems. Two tape decks stopped working, perhaps because of the excessive heat, so rather than a live mix to tape, the final product was a single camera shoot through the camera mic.

John brought up the Payson Park music series and encouraged coverage; he offered to cover some concerts.

Report on Studio Operations

Abiodun did not report any complaints received.

Electric power to the studio was out for three days, but the outage did not affect broadcast.

One BHS student volunteer, Michael Stratford, received an award from Mark at the Underclass Awards ceremony on 6/8.

Abi recommended purchase of a teleprompter and dimmer board.

Balance in Town Fund

John reported that the current balance in the cable account is \$28, 141. John, Jonathan, and Jeffrey B. will send a letter to the Selectmen, requesting authorization for transferring this money to the new Belmont Community Media Center.

Producers' Graduation Ceremony

Ed Yee has taken the lead in planning this celebration for tomorrow night, 6/22. John, Abi, and Todd Bloniarz will speak. Todd will direct the taping, and Jeffrey G. and David N. will crew.

Transition to Community Media Center

Committee, board members, and Mark discussed issues for the transition from a Comcast-managed studio. Several subcommittees were formed. John and Louis Bucciarelli will work with Comcast to manage the transition, which will take place at 12:01 am on Friday, July 1.

Final Report

With the transition of studio operation to the Belmont Community Media Center, there is no longer a need for a Selectmen-appointed Cable Access Committee. John Verrilli will draft a final report to the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

John Verrilli